



Aerial view of Poole Harbour and Brownsea Island and Dorset coastline.

Poole



The historic Port of Poole offers a warm welcome and can open the door to some of the most diverse and beautiful locations on the South Coast. Offering the very best of countryside, coastline, events and attractions, it is the perfect place for those seeking clear air, spectacular award-winning beaches and magnificent countryside. Guaranteeing your guests an exciting place to visit throughout the year.

Our new cruise berth, South Quay, is the first of several proposed developments to improve our port facilities and enables us to welcome vessels up to 220m in length into Poole's beautiful natural harbour. The Port's central position on the South Coast is easily reached from London, the Midlands and the West Country and enjoys convenient road and rail links.

Poole is one of the world's largest natural harbours, said to be second only to Sydney's in size. It's extensive sheltered waters provide a magnificent haven for recreational sailing and water sports, and the mudflats and salt marshes are of great ecological value for feeding and roosting birds.

Our historic quayside and beautiful harbour, the best beaches in England and the 3 World Heritage Sites on our doorstep (The Jurassic Coast, Stonehenge and the City of Bath), are just a few of the reasons why Poole in Dorset should be a 'must stop' for your next cruise itinerary.

We look forward to seeing you at the Port of Poole.

Top Five Facts about Poole

1. Poole Harbour is the second largest natural harbour in the world
2. Poole Harbour is a drowned valley formed at the end of the last Ice Age and is the estuary for several rivers, the largest being the river Frome
3. The harbour is an area of international importance for wildlife conservation and borders three National Nature Reserves
4. Poole Harbour is home to Brownsea Island, home to the endangered red squirrel
5. Three miles of sandy shoreline between Sandbanks and Branksome Dene Chine have been awarded the European Blue Flags for cleanliness and safety, more than any other British resort, as well as being rated among the top 5 in the country.

Lead image: Poole Harbour, courtesy of Poole Tourism. Photo taken by Sue Sieger.

Experience Poole

Brownsea Island

Link: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brownsea-island>

RNLI College

Link: <https://rnli.org/rnli-college>

Lunch with a Lord at Minterne House & Gardens

Link: <http://minterne.co.uk/wp/>

Lulworth Castle

Link: <https://www.lulworth.com/>

Sculpture by the Lakes

Link: <http://www.sculpturebythelakes.co.uk/>

Jurassic Coast

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Link: https://jurassiccoast.org/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIxI-SxNyn2QIVhc0bCh2jgwA1EAAYASAAEgLxmPD_BwE

Corfe Castle

Link: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfe-castle>

Tank Museum

Link: <http://www.tankmuseum.org/home>

Abbotsbury Swannery and Subtropical Gardens

Link: <https://abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk/>

Compton Acres

Link: <http://www.comptonacres.co.uk/>

Port information

Time zone : GMT

Operational hours : 24hrs

Berth enquiries/reservations : stevemoores@phc.co.uk

Lat & Long : North 50° 42.6 West 001° 59.6

Prevailing weather : South westerly

Anchorage position : Master's discretion in Poole Bay

Nm to landing stage : 6nm to Port

Berth information : South Quay

Vessel length : 220m

Vessel width restrictions : None

Air draft restrictions : None

Vessel draft : Max 8.5m

Depth on berth : Max 9m

VTS channel : 14

Max ship dimension : 220m

Pilotage : For ships over 50m in accordance with pilotage directions

Tugs : 2 x 17T BP

Security facilities : ISP Compliant

Gangways : Ship's own gangways must be used

Fresh water : Yes

Power supply : No

Fuel supply : No (to be arranged by Shipping Agents)

Hot works/painting/lifeboats : Permitted but requires an authorisation request form

Waste handling : On request (via by Shipping Agents)

Facilities

Terminal building : There is a passenger lounge with comfortable seating, rest rooms and a small cafe.

Currency exchange : Numerous outlets are located in the town centre just a 10 minute walk away (1.12km / 0.7m)

Internet access : No

Telephones : Yes

Mailbox : No

Taxis : Private hire Taxis can be booked

Distance to railway station : The nearest railway station is 0.9m / 1.44km away

Distance to airport : Bournemouth 12.4m / 19.9km (30 min drive) Southampton 38.2m / 61.4km (52 min drive) Heathrow 93.8m / 150.9km (1.41 min drive)

Banks/ATMs : Located in the town centre

Restaurant/cafe : There are numerous bars and restaurants situated on Poole Quay just a 5 min walk away

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